

In the Specification

On page 43, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

Fig. 1 ~~a and b~~:

Reactivity of *B. burgdorferi*-infected patients with lysates from 5 different *B. burgdorferi* strains in a Western blot.

Sera from stages II and III (neuroborreliosis, stage II (IgM and IgG); acrodermatitis (IgG) and arthritis (IgG), stage III) were assayed. The early immune response is directed, irrespective of the assayed strain, against a narrow spectrum of *Borrelia* proteins (pC and p41). The late immune response is directed against a broad panel of *Borrelia* proteins. Immuno-dominant proteins are (irrespective of the assayed strain) p100 (with variable molecular weight) and p41.